M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to allocate gas for two new gas based power stations in the Krishna-Godavari Basin, one to be set up by NTPC and the other to be set up in the State Sector. This is subject to confirmation that APSEB would be in a position to allocate adequate funds for implementing the project.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds made available *to* Andhra Pradesh Government for family welfare programme

1330. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for the release of 75 per cent amount on ad hoc basis out of the total amount of Rs. 27.98 crores which is due from the Central Government under Family Welfare Programme till the furnishing of requisite certificates ; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The grants-in-aid for implementation of National Family Welfare Programme are provisional which is subject to adjustment only on receipt of audited statement of expenditure from the Accountant General of the State. The State Government has been advised to request the Accountant General of the State to furnish requisite certificates expeditiously to enable the Central Govt, to further process the case of release of arrears.

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Clearance of Amguri gas-based power project in Assam

1331. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the Amguri bas-based power project in Assam ;

(b) whether Government have given clearance to the said project ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) to (c) The proposal for installation of Amguri Gas-based Power Project (8x30 MW + 4x30 MW) has been accorded techno-economic clearance of the Central Electricity Authority, subject to establishment of fuel linkage on sustained basis, finalisation of adequate transmission system for transmitting energy within the North Eastern Region and from that region to other power deficit region. The project has received clearance from environmental angle, subject to certain safeguards.

Setting up of a National Cancer Institute in Assam

1332. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL FARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up of a National Cancer Institute in Assam ;

(b) if so, what is the present position in this regard ; and

(c) by when the said Institute is likely to be set up ?